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Call for Applications for Nomination to the Puget Sound Partnership Ecosystem Coordination Board

ENVIRONMENTAL REPRESENTATIVE

July 21, 2011

The Puget Sound Partnership's Leadership Council is seeking nominations for an Environmental Representative to fill a vacancy on the Ecosystem Coordination Board (ECB).

The Puget Sound Partnership was established as a state agency by the 2007 Legislature and the Governor to implement an aggressive action agenda for restoring the health of Puget Sound by 2020.

The Partnership is charged with taking a collaborative and accountable approach to accomplishing its mission. It relies on the contributions of a variety of entities, including state, local, federal and tribal governments, community and environmental organizations, businesses, watershed and salmon recovery groups. The Partnership's work will require creativity, innovation and a wide variety of tools and approaches to engage the public, track performance and guide progress, disseminate information to stakeholders, manage data and work collaboratively with individuals and groups throughout the region.

The Partnership is guided by the Leadership Council, consisting of seven individuals committed to the environmental and economic prosperity of Puget Sound. As the decision-making body for the Partnership, the Council depends on the ECB to provide policy recommendations and the Science Panel to provide the scientific guidance needed to reach the goals set forth in the Action Agenda.

The ECB is an integral link between the Leadership Council and the work being carried out in Puget Sound. The ECB is also key in communicating the implementation work and educational activities to the broader public and to policy decision makers around the Sound.

More information on the Partnership is available at our Web site:
<http://www.psp.wa.gov>.

Applications are due no later than August 10, 2011. Please see the details below.

Roles and Responsibilities of the Ecosystem Coordination Board

As described in statute, the Board shall advise and assist the Leadership Council and Executive Director in carrying out the obligations of the Puget Sound Partnership, including implementing and updating the Action Agenda.

The Board's duties include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Assisting cities, counties, ports, tribes, watershed groups, and other government and private organizations in the compilation of local programs for consideration for inclusion in the Action Agenda;
- Upon request of the Council, reviewing and making recommendations regarding activities, projects, and programs proposed for inclusion in the Action Agenda, including assessing existing ecosystem scale management, restoration and protection plan elements, activities, projects, and programs;
- Seeking public and private funding and commitment of other resources for plan implementation;
- Assisting the Council in conducting public education activities regarding threats to Puget Sound and about local implementation strategies to support the Action Agenda;
- Recruiting the active involvement of and encouraging the collaboration and communication among governmental and nongovernmental entities, the private sector, and citizens working to achieve the recovery of Puget Sound;
- Compiling and assessing ecosystem scale management, restoration, and protection plans for the Puget Sound basin to contribute to implementation of the Action Agenda; and
- Convening agency managers in an attempt to reconcile conflicts or disputes among ecosystem scale projects or programs, with the objective of advancing the protection and recovery of Puget Sound.

Anticipated Time Commitment for Board Members

ECB members should expect to commit approximately 20 hours per month. The Action Area representatives may require additional time for Action Area specific activities. The Action Area representative will be working with Partnership staff to assist in convening the local groups who will be working to accomplish various tasks, particularly the implementation of the Action Agenda. The initial term for this position will end June 30, 2015. There are no term limits.

Compensation

ECB members shall serve without compensation however, except for federal and state employees, members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

Criteria for Selection of Environmental Representatives

- Demonstrated capacity (i.e., available time, appropriate networks) to represent an caucus and/or convene or participate in meetings of environmental caucus
- Endorsement from others in the caucus for representation on the Board
- Experience in and commitment to interest-based negotiation and collaborative problem-solving
- Commitment to community-based action

- Exceptional communication skills
- Understanding of ecosystem processes and ecosystem-scale planning
- Experience and expertise in science, management, policy development, law, and/or advocacy related to one or more of the following:
 - Relationships among human health, quality of life, and ecosystem services
 - Puget Sound native species, food webs, and biodiversity
 - Puget Sound-relevant habitats and habitat-forming processes
 - Water quality and sediment quality
 - Education and public involvement
 - Public-private administration

Nomination Process for Appointment of the Environmental Representative on the ECB

There are two options for application of a candidate for consideration by the Partnership. (Self-nominations are encouraged.):

1 **Self-nomination:** Candidates interested in submitting themselves for consideration as the Environmental representative on the ECB must submit a cover letter and resume. The cover letter should indicate why the candidate is interested in this position and how the candidate meets the criteria identified above (up to 2 pages). Candidates must also submit contact information for three individuals who support their nomination.

2 **Nominate a candidate:** To submit the name of an individual for consideration as the Environmental representative on the ECB, a letter of support for the candidate indicating how he/she meets the criteria listed above must be submitted (up to 3 pages). In addition, contact information for two additional individuals who support the nomination of the candidate. Contact information for the candidate must be included.

Partnership staff will evaluate all nominations to ensure that they meet the selection criteria provided above. Staff will evaluate the applicants and forward the names to the Leadership Council. The Council will make the final appointment of the Environmental representative.

Application Submittal Guidelines

Submit electronic or hard copies of materials described above by **5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 10, 2011** to:

Puget Sound Partnership
Ecosystem Coordination Board
Attn: Tammy Owings
Box 40900
Olympia WA 98504-0900
Applications@psp.wa.gov

An email will be sent confirming that the information has been received.

For questions on the ECB appointment process, please contact Tammy Owings, Puget Sound Partnership at (360) 464-1229; email at tammy.owings@psp.wa.gov